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FOR: METHOD OF REFINEMENT OF :  
MICROSTRUCTURE OF METALLIC  
MATERIALS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated August 2, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.